

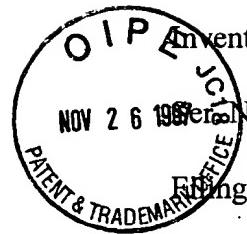
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5, 8 and 9 as follows:

1. (Once amended) A process for selectively extracting a metal value [values] from a source [starting] material which includes flourine and one or more solubilizable metal values, the process comprising:

separating and removing fluorine values from the source [starting] material;
leaching the flourine reduced source [remaining] material to solubilize at least a portion 08621631
of the metal values contained therein [in the remaining material] and generate an aqueous solution comprising said solubilized metal values and a solid phase at least partially depleted in
the solubilized metal values; and

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Transmitted herewith are copies of the following documents for filing in the above-identified application:

- 1) Amendment and Response to Office Action
- 2) Substitute Specification
- 3) Request for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136a (w/\$950 check)

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